





Today's  
Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the DISTRICT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, THIS EVENING, the 27th April, 1896, at 8 P.M. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Scribe E.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [731]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [706]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"TEUCER,"

Captain Riley, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [728]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [733]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [735]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"IDZUMI MARU,"

Captain Tiple, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 1st May.

For Freight, &c., apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [733]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"

Captain J. G. Spencer, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd May, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [736]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA, (FLORIO & RUBATTONI UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

ALSO

VENICE AND TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

ALSO

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA, and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO,"

Captain Di Marco, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th May, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [737]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo Impeding the discharge, or remaining on board after the 20th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited, Warehouse.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [734]

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Steamship

"CENTAUR,"

Captain Williams, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [707]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"MACDUFF,"

will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 3th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [738]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

R. Innes, Commander, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 6th May, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [688]

## Intimations.

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## AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co's WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1896. [427]

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES  
AND  
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

## PRICE LISTS,

with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1896. [5]

BIRTH.  
On the 20th March, in London, the wife of RICHARD FREDERICK DAWY, Hongkong Civil Service, of a son.  
DEATHS.  
At Klong Mai, Bangkok, on 12th inst., the infant son of Mr. C. H. HUNTER, of the P.W.D. On April 18th, at Hankow, DAVID HILL, aged 55 years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1896.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

From Japan there is at present very little news. Since the closing of the Diet all political activity seems to have ceased, and the Government and people are devoting themselves earnestly and zealously to the work of strengthening the Empire externally and internally. Internally, by the steady development of trade, commerce, and manufactures, and by the improvement of roads, railroads, and lines of communication by sea and land. Externally, by the construction of docks and ship-building yards and by the re-organisation and enlargement in every way of the Army and Navy. We are very much afraid, from the tenor of the news reaching us from all sides, that the sooner both her naval and military forces are brought up to their full strength and all the deficiencies in her supplies caused by the late war are made good the better. She may find herself at any moment involved again in war—and war with an enemy very unlike her late opponent. It is possible that the recent notification by the Japanese Government to her subjects to suspend their preparations for opening factories and engaging in business in China has been dictated by the knowledge that war is imminent, and that she will require all her subjects and all her resources within her own frontier. If Russia wars on Japan she will have China as her ally, without doubt, and a treaty of Shimoda will be simply waste paper. Chinese soldiers under Russian officers might yet justify Viscount Wolsey's forecast of their capabilities.

In the Revised Treaty between Japan and Germany there are, it is asserted, clauses by which the Consuls of Germany retain their jurisdiction over their nationals resident in Japan, in respect of questions of succession and of patents and trademarks. With reference to the latter it is possible to see some reasons for the retention of a certain amount of consular jurisdiction and control, as in many cases there must be a conflict of laws, and no broad general principle of international law has, as yet, been adopted for the settlement of disputed questions of patent rights and of trademarks. The law as to patents is the more advanced and the more definitely settled of the two branches, but it cannot be said that either is free from difficulties and from doubts. Each country has framed its own laws without reference to the laws of other countries. Each nationality has its own register of trademarks. Each code of law gives special protection to the property in the marks registered under it, but there is no general register, no provision to prevent the same mark being in different countries the property of different persons in respect of the same goods. An international law of trademarks is urgently required, and a mixed tribunal or a consular tribunal will, for some time to come, be found useful in dealing with the rights and property of German subjects in trademarks in Japan.

Questions of succession are of a different character. They are of old standing and have been the subject of a chapter in international law since international law first took form and shape. The law of the domicile regulates and governs the succession to personal property of every description, and determines all questions of marriage and status, and of the will-making power. Real property devolves according to the *Lex Loca*. Japanese tribunals are fully competent to apply that law, and the necessity for consular interference is not so clear. The Japanese Government and the Japanese lawyers have been very careful students of the law of nations in all its branches, and have always shown the greatest respect for its rules. It is not very much use, however, discussing the question until we have the text of the Treaty. The people of Japan are rather indignant at the report that any concession has been made to Germany in respect to this matter of Consular Jurisdiction. They are painfully anxious to get rid of every trace of inferiority and to be placed in all respects and in regard to all nations in a position of complete and perfect equality.

We have received a translation of the official report concerning the attack on the Palace at Seoul on the 8th October last, and the murder of the Queen of Korea. It is extracted from the *Korean Repository* for March, and is the result of an investigation carried out under the direction of the King by a Vice-Minister of Justice, in the presence and under the supervision of Mr. Gresham, an American and one of the foreign advisers of the Korean Government. The report takes up the history of the affair where the judgment of the Japanese Court sitting at Hiroshima for the trial of Viscount Mura and Mr. Shimura, his Secretary of Legation, leaves it. The one supplements and completes the other, and there can be no doubt that, whether many or few Koreans were implicated in it, the plot and its execution were essentially Japanese, and designed and carried out in the interests, or supposed interests, of the Japanese Government and people. The acquittal of Viscount Mura by the Courts of Japan for the Japanese Government a grave misfortune, whatever was the cause

of it. It may be, of course, that it was the result of the imperfect state of the laws of Japan and that they contain no provision for the punishment of crimes and offences committed by Japanese subjects out of the jurisdiction of the Japanese Courts and in a foreign territory. The English law provides no punishment for any offence committed outside of the jurisdiction except murder, and in that case the provision is by statute and not at common law. But if Viscount Mura was not amenable to any Court of Law for his offences, he ought surely to be made responsible to his Sovereign and to public opinion, and should have been deprived of all his honours and titles and declared incapable of ever again holding office. There should have been some mark of Imperial displeasure.

## REUTERS'S MESSAGES.

## THE VENEZUELA DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, April 26th.  
The statements made by the *Times* Washington correspondent in re the Venezuelan question are not credited, the situation remaining unchanged.

## GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

Negotiations for a permanent Arbitration Committee between Great Britain and the United States are progressing.

## THE FIGHTING IN MATEBELELAND.

Three hundred of the Bulawayo garrison made a sortie and attacked the Matabeles. The most severe fighting occurred, and the British, although hard pressed, were finally driving back the Matabeles when the force was ordered to return to Bulawayo.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Idzumi Maru*, expected here to-morrow, is the second boat on the N. Y. K.'s new Japan-European line.

Mr. G. Detring, late Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin, is a passenger, with his family, by the German mail "line" *Sachsen*.

LATE Japanese contemporaries report that a French and Russian syndicate in Seoul are agitating strongly for the privilege of constructing a railway between Seoul and Censan.

THE *N. C. Daily News* is informed that the Japanese Government has advised its nationals to stop all industrial operations in China for the present. Is this a prelude of approaching trouble? The Indo-China steamer *Sat Sang*, Captain Galsworthy, from Hongkong, on arrival at Singapore on the 18th instant was put into quarantine, two cases of small-pox being reported on board.

THE inquiry into the fire on Wednesday morning last was concluded on Saturday evening, the Magistrate stating that he had no doubt of his having been due to incendiarism. Five of the occupants will be charged with arson on Wednesday morning.

SHORTLY after 10 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the top floor of No. 8, Hollywood Road, occupied by a Chinese Club. The contents of the second and top floors were badly damaged by fire and water before the flames were got under control. There was no insurance.

THE Chinese in Bangkok show little respect for the Siamese police. Recently, upon one of their number being arrested for street gambling, the over-venturesome guardian of public morality was set upon, his prisoner released, and his official helmet stolen during the mêlée.

THERE has been a report in town to-day that when the German mail steamer *Sachsen* was leaving Shanghai she passed the French mail boat *Saghalien*, from Japan to Shanghai, badly ashore about four miles outside of Woosung. Three tugs had just been unsuccessful in an attempt to pull her off. Heavy fog is given as the cause.

THE seventh annual general meeting of shareholders in the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd., was held on the 22nd inst. at the Company's Board Room, No. 2, Bubbling Well Road, Mr. B. A. Clarke presiding. The report and accounts were adopted, a dividend of 8 per cent. for the year declared, the retiring Director, Mr. B. A. Clarke, re-elected, and Mr. Wilmar Harris elected auditor.

THE Stewards of the Tientsin Race Club notify the following additional race, to be run on the second day after the "Dalton" Cup:—  
VII.—THE "SKEBY" CUP. Presented by W. A. Forbes, Esquire. For China Ponies. First pony to receive the Cup; second pony to get, of entrance fees. For Giffins only. Winners of one race weight for stakes as per scale; of two or more, 7lb. extra. Non-winners to receive an allowance of 7lb. Entrance Tails 5. One mile.

AMONG the recent reports of piratical attacks on steamers on the Yangtze, the *Daily News* says:—The only foundation for these absurd and malicious rumours appears to have been a row on board the *Changong*, between one of the crew and some native passengers, which happened about three weeks ago. It seems to have been a slightly exaggerated edition of one of the disturbances which frequently occur among the native passengers on board these steamers.

THERE was a very numerous and very fashionable attendance in the rooms of the Odd Volumes Society this evening to hear a lecture of his Excellency, the Governor on "Irish Wit and Humour." His Excellency kept his audience in raptures of laughter for more than an hour with a most admirable selection of specimens of Irish wit and humour, and of contrasted selections from Scotch and American sources, and made them more effective still by an admirable delivery. Mr. Jackson, the chairman, capped his Excellency's stories with one or two which were novel to most of his hearers, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his very enjoyable discourse. He announced that Mr. Granville Sharp's lecture on "Imperialism and the British Empire" would be given on Friday, May 8th, instead of Friday, May 1st, as originally announced.

THERE were four cases of plague yesterday and ten cases up to noon to-day.

It is reported that the Raffles Hotel, Singapore, is to be lighted by electricity.

An electric light plant is being used in Nagasaki in connection with the dredging of Oura Creek.

H.M.S. *Centurion* came out of dock to-day, and has taken up her old place in the anchorage again.

The Resident of Sarawak, in Sarawak, reports that during the months of January and February last five persons were killed by crocodiles. The whole population had turned out to destroy the brutes.

The preparation of the road for the railway from Tientsin to Peking had gone on for a distance of 50 H. (the entire length being 240 H.) when, according to the *Mercury*, the work met with unexpected interference from the villagers, who refused to let the workmen carry any mud for the use of the road on the ground that it was not paid for. In the scuffle that ensued two of the head workmen were killed. The road-making is stopped, but the construction of bridges is progressing.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended April 26th, are:—Europeans, 181; Chinese, 1,842; total 2,023.

COMMODORE DE RICHELIEU, accompanied by his wife and three children, left Bangkok on the 18th inst. by the *Corvina*, for Java, with the object of making all arrangements for the visit of the King to Java.

By an error of the Hon. Secretary, the Singapore Philharmonic Society was recently booked to hold their practices on Sundays, this raising such a storm of protests as threatened the disruption of the Society. They practice on Mondays now.

The Royal Artillery will give a variety entertainment in their Theatre, North Bazaar, this evening at 8.30. The proceeds are to be devoted to charity, and as the pick of our local talent have undertaken to assist, those who attend will be sure of a fine entertainment.

YESTERDAY morning fire broke out in a godown belonging to the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, amongst a quantity of hemp recently received from Manila. The Fire Brigade was quickly on the spot and succeeded in confining the damage to the godown and an adjoining shop. The material was fully insured.

THE local agent of the Messageries Maritimes has just received a telegram from the company, stating that the steamer *Yorva*, leaving on Wednesday next, the mail steamers of that Company will leave at noon instead of 10 a.m. This is a most welcome return to the old order, as the change greatly interfered with the mail arrangements.

THE Japanese Government is reported to have added to demand from Korea the sum of ¥25,000 for each Japanese killed during the recent troubles. In addition to this a further sum of ¥25,000 is demanded as compensation for the losses sustained by the Japanese who "scouted" from Ping-yang. This is to be paid in thirteen annual instalments. Where will this money come from—Russia?

THE Governor at Soochow, H. E. Chao, is hurrying on the completion of arrangements for the opening of that city to foreign trade, and has given instructions that the sites for the Police Station, Municipal Buildings, Mixed Court, and Custom House are to be decided upon within two months. The officials who are charged with the carrying out of these duties are busily conferring with the Japanese authorities.

THE steamers *Cass*, *Smith*, and *Shi Foh-shi*, owned by H. E. Chang Chih-tung, late Viceroy of Nanking, are to be placed on the Shanghai and Formosa line and will be captained and officered by Europeans. There is no direct line between Formosa and Shanghai, and if the steamers are adapted to the trade their owners should reap a good harvest. It is a wonder the N. Y. K. has not put some of its small boats on as a trial.

AT an extraordinary meeting of the Shanghai Race Club held on the 22nd inst. four of the Stewards were induced to withdraw their resignations and the list was strengthened by the appointment, meanwhile, of Messrs D. Brand, A. R. Burhill, and Brumman. The Stewards are now Messrs Böding, Brand, Burhill, Brumman, Dodgeon, Fearon, and Probst. It is to be hoped that the temporary misunderstanding which led to the resignation of the late Stewards has thus been successfully tide over.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Allied Memorial and Netherland Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the undermentioned donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
Choi Tse Mei ..... \$35  
Hon. W. Meigh Goodman ..... 15  
E. Fabianey ..... 10  
W. Powell ..... 10  
Tate and Co. .... 10  
Wong Shing ..... 10

BATAVIA papers to the 15th instant report further actions with the Achinese. The outposts at Blint and Lamkum have been abandoned, and the forts there have been burned. The troops lost ten wounded on the return march. On the 15th instant three regiments of heavy artillery and cavalry started to relieve an outpost at Chotrang. The troops, on relieving the post, burned a village at Limpoet, after a sharp action. The Dutch loss was five killed and forty-three wounded.

## MEMORANDA.

MONDAY, 27th April.  
9 p.m.—Annual Convocation of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Hongkong and South China.

TUESDAY, 28th April.  
9 a.m.—*Sachsen* leaves for Bremen and ports of call.

WEDNESDAY, 29th April.  
11 a.m.—French Mail closes.  
Noon.—*Yorva* leaves for Europe.  
Noon.—*Empress of India* leaves for Vancouver, via Amoy and usual ports of call.  
4 p.m.—Annual general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Club.

THURSDAY, 30th April.  
Bonus Warrants to contributors issued by the Union Insurance Co., Limited, on this date.

FRIDAY, 1st May.  
Noon.—*Victoria* will leave for Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, via usual ports of call.  
2 p.m.—Exercises for Gymkhana meeting close to Colonel The O'Gorman, Hon. Secretary, at the Hongkong Club.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.

SATURDAY, 2nd May.  
3 p.m.—Rifle Brigade Sports at Bay View.

SUNDAY, 3rd May.  
Daylight.—*Yorva* leaves for San Francisco, via usual ports of call.

FROM Nanking the *N. C. Daily News* learns that the new railway which will start from that city will commence from the Tunchai gate and connect with the city of Cuiyung to the north-east of the former city and then southwards to Chin-king. Another line westward, starting from the same gate, will be built to



is also a very excellent forward at Rugby football, and I am perfectly certain that if he had his way he would also take football under the wings of this Club. (Applause.) In saying goodbye to Mr. Sanders I am certain we all do so with very great regret. He is going to enjoy a very well-earned holiday and we all wish him very good-bye in the old country. In saying good-bye I want you all to join with me in wishing him every possible success that can attend a mortal. (Applause.) In a colony like Hongkong, where business is a rule has to come before pleasure, it is fortunate we are able to find members of this Club like Mr. Sanders who are willing to come forward and devote time and attention to sport. If we want to have a healthy community sports and many exercises must be encouraged—(applause)—and if this colony can have no residents like Mr. Sanders I am afraid its health would suffer. (Applause.) I only hope and trust that the line of Sanders will continue for many years either directly or indirectly. (Applause.)

The company then rose and lustily sang "For he's a jolly good fellow" after which Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, addressing Mr. Sanders, said:—On behalf of the members of the Victoria Recreation Club I have to ask you to accept this slight souvenir of their good feeling towards you and to say that they are exceedingly sorry you are leaving them. They hope you will soon return and that your associations with this Club will be renewed when you come back to Hongkong. (Applause.) You must not forget that the members of the V.R.C. will always remember the kindness which you have shown to the members of this Club and the energetic manner in which you have discharged the very onerous duties which have been entrusted to you as Hon. Secretary. (Loud applause.)

The speaker then handed the gold watch to Mr. Sanders. Mr. Sanders, in reply, said:—Mr. Chairman, Mr. Lockhart, and members of the V.R.C., I can assure you that to receive a souvenir like this from you all gives me a pleasant surprise. I have now been connected with the V.R.C. for close on five years and Mr. Lockhart has referred to what he considers my laborious work during that time. The work was not half so laborious as Mr. Lockhart makes out and it always gave me the greatest pleasure to be connected with the Club and to be connected with the Committee that had to look after the welfare of the Club, which, I may say, has nearly always been done to my satisfaction. (Applause.) There is one thing which I cannot help looking at with regret, and that is that I am to-day within the same building that I was in five years ago. Five years ago the building and the site were considered inadequate for the requirements of the Club. The membership is larger to-day than it was five years ago when the building and site did not meet the requirements. Many attempts have been made to obtain a new site, and I consider this Club has a very great advantage in having as its President His Excellency the Governor. (Applause.) His Excellency, I may say, has on many occasions interested himself with this Club, and I am perfectly certain that he would do anything he could for us, because he recognizes the fact that the site is unbecoming to the most active recreation club in the colony. (Applause.) I am quite certain that should an opportunity arise when an available site can be obtained your Committee, with their energetic Chairman, Captain Hastings, will approach His Excellency the Governor on the subject, and His Excellency will, I feel sure, will put a favorable minute upon the resolution and will hand it over to my old friend Mr. Lockhart, who will do likewise in bringing the subject before the Government. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I do not think there is anything more for me to say, but I assure you that I deeply feel the honour you have done me and the good fellowship which has united you all to present me with this souvenir, which I shall always look upon with the greatest pleasure in years to come. I can only add that I have had the position of Hon. Secretary of this Club to Mr. Armstrong, who, I am absolutely certain, will run it with the greatest possible success. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I thank you all for your souvenir, and when I leave Hongkong I shall look back to the happy days that I have had in the colony, and those happy days have been mostly due to my connection with the V.R.C. (Applause.)

The musical items were then continued, and when finally the smoker was concluded every one present left, satisfied that a pleasant method of bidding, a popular office *bon voyage* could not have been chosen.

**THE QUEEN'S STATUE.**  
A meeting of the surviving members of the Committee originally appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, in 1887, was held in the Council Chamber on Saturday last, at 3 p.m. There were present the Hon. C. P. Chater (in the chair), the Hon. E. R. Bell, Mr. Ho Kai, and Mr. J. Bell-Irving, Messrs Thomas Jackson, J. J. Francis, Q.C., Wei Yuk, and the Hon. Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Honorary Secretary. It was stated by the Chairman that the meeting was called in consequence of a communication received from the Government to the effect that the erection of the statue of Her Majesty would be completed by the 24th of May next and that the object of the meeting was to determine what, if any, ceremonial should be adopted at the unveiling. The Chairman further stated that there was no funds in hand and that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. had foregone a claim for payment of a sum of about \$7,000 expenses in connection with the statue in London, and that the Whatson and Godown Company had made no charge for godown rent during the time the statue was in their custody. After some conversation it was resolved that His Excellency the Governor should be asked to perform the ceremony of unveiling on the day appointed for the celebration of Her Majesty's birthday; that it should be suggested to His Excellency that Monday, the 25th May, and the hour of noon would be the most convenient day and time for the ceremony; that it should be made as public as possible, all foreign Consuls, all officers of the Army and Navy, and all sub-officers to the Fund being invited, as well as all the ladies that the co-operation of His Excellency the Major-General should be requested, through the intervention of the Governor, with a view to having as grand a military display as possible; that a Committee of three, with the Honorary Secretary, be appointed to arrange a programme and carry out all details; that Hon. C. P. Chater, Mr. Wei Yuk, Mr. Francis, Q.C., and the Honorary Secretary be the Committee. The erection of two large statues on the North-east and North-west sides of the curve in front of the statue, for the accommodation of those present, was suggested and approved. The question was raised by the Hon. E. R. Bell, as to the number of guns to constitute the salute, his proposal being one hundred at the proper number, but no opinion was expressed by the meeting, that being

a detail for official determination. In conclusion a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. and to the Whatson and Godown Company for their liberality was passed by acclamation. His Excellency the Governor has been communicated with by the Honorary Secretary and has replied that he will have much pleasure in unveiling the statue on the day named.

#### NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, March 27th.  
Sir Nicholas O'Connor paid farewell visits yesterday afternoon at the Foreign and Colonial Office. He left London for St. Petersburg this morning.

Sir Claude MacDonald, the new British Minister to China, has retired from the Highland Light Infantry in which regiment he held the rank of Major. The majority in the regiment has been given to Captain C. C. Cavendish.

A proposition has been made by the Bureau des Longitudes to the Council d'Etat in Paris to send a mission to Japan to observe the eclipse of the sun on August 9th next. The mission would proceed to Yezo on reaching Japan.

An illustration of the seriousness of Japanese competition with the industries of the West is seen in the fact that the committee of Lloyd's had before them at yesterday's meeting the question of registering a ship of 4,000 or 5,000 tons now in course of construction by a native firm in Japan.

M. Klobukowski, French Consul-General at Yokohama, will shortly be transferred to a similar appointment at Calcutta.

It is stated that Lord Arthur Hill is to succeed Sir Charles Blake as Governor of Jamaica at the end of May.

The construction of a railway from Thibaw to the Mandalay-Kunlon line southwards to the Kiangtung road, a distance of eighty miles, will probably be begun at an early date. This will be a valuable feeder to the Salween railway, and useful for relief and supplies for the Kiangtung garrison.

The testimonials to W. G. Grace have now been closed. They have produced a total of 9,000. A letter from Monty Carlo says that a new concession for fifty years has been granted to the Casino by the Prince of Monaco, on condition of his annuity being increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

By order of the Emperor of Russia the great fair at Nijni-Novgorod will this year be opened, not on July 27th as usual, but in May, at the same time as the National Russian Exhibition to be held at that place.

A letter from the States of the Danish Scientific Expedition to the Famine, under First Lieutenant Olsen and Philippen, has started Mr. Chamberlain, the guest on 25th inst. of the Canada Club at the Albion Tavern.

In response to the toast of the Governor-General and Dominion of Canada he dwelt with satisfaction on the outburst of loyalty from all parts of the Empire during recent difficulties. Remarkable that the Imperial Federation League had become extinct without accomplishing its object, he drew the conclusion that a possible lesson to be learned was the line of least resistance. He suggested that perhaps the best way to approach the question of Imperial unity was on its commercial side. If the principle were accepted that between the different parts of the Empire protection should disappear, there would be good reason for calling a council of the Empire. Although the subject would be of enormous difficulty, yet with the goodwill that existed he could not but believe that something like a satisfactory arrangement would be arrived at.

The first annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce was opened on 24th inst. at the Hotel Metropole, Sir A. K. Rolfe, M.P., presiding. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the annual report, spoke of the satisfactory progress of the Association, and reviewed some of the chief features in the history of trade during the past year. The report was adopted. A resolution expressing to the New York Chamber of Commerce appreciation of its friendly feeling and a strong desire that some method acceptable to both nations might be found of settling a conciliatory spirit the differences between the two States was carried with two or three dissentients.

A resolution recommending the connection by railway of a seaport in Burma with South-west China at Suifu, either from Moumei, via Siam, or from Rangoon, wholly through British territory, via Karenni, to be undertaken or guaranteed by the Government, and also the continuation of the railway through Suifu into the Chinese dominions on conditions not less favorable than those granted to the French for the continuation of their railway into China; also that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of State for India be requested to receive a deputation from the Association on the subject, was agreed to unanimously.

In the House of Commons on the 20th March, in reply to questions by Mr. Schumann, Mr. Curzon said:—The attention of Her Majesty's Minister at Peking was drawn last year to the preliminary fulfilment by the Chinese of their treaty obligations and to the undertaking given by them in 1886 to instruct the provincial authorities to publish in full the laws and regulations in force in their districts. A case of the specific harbour mentioned is at the present time the subject of representations to the Chinese Government, and Her Majesty's Government are pressing for the strict observance of Article XXVIII of the Treaty of 1886. The Chinese Government have assented to the opening of the West River; and negotiations are proceeding as to the ports of call and ports open to trade where Consular officials may be established. Her Majesty's Government are pressing the Chinese Government for a strict observance of the treaty provisions in regard to transit passes, but they have not as yet seen their way to effectually approach that Government on the subject of an extension to other merchandise of the system in force as regards opium.

**NAVAL AND MILITARY.**  
Colonel G. B. McDonnell, retired Lieut. Royal Artillery, died suddenly at the Central Station Hotel, Glasgow, at the age of fifty-five. From December, 1860, to December, 1861, he was Colonel on the Staff commanding the Royal Artillery at Glasgow.

An Odega correspondent states that the Russian Black Sea Evolutionary Squadron will this season be more than usually strong, and part of its practical operations will be carried out within a short distance of the month of the Bosphorus.

The vessels comprising the manœuvring squadron will be the first-class battleships *Tchesma*, *Shchyol*, *Kavkazskii*, *Georgii Pobedintsev*, *Tsushima*, *Admiral Dvornik*, and *Admiral Popov*; the first-class cruisers *Pamiat Merkur*, the torpedo cruisers *Kapitan Sakhin*, *Gidrin*, and *Kavkazskii*; the transport *Dvornik*, and nineteen torpedo boats.

The Russian Official Press publishes a letter from Vice-Admiral Buller, commanding the British Squadron in Chinese waters, expressing his thanks to Vice-Admiral Tysse, in command of the Russian Pacific Squadron, for the prompt and timely help rendered by the latter's crew of a Russian gunboat in saving the lives of fourteen British seamen when the accident happened to the pleasure of the *Edgar* in November last, off

Chemulpo. Captain Henderson, of the *Edgar*, particularly praises the skill and bravery of a Russian midshipman who was in the boat which went to the rescue.

The new gun-armed constructive programme is, after all, a very modest one. It consists only of an ironclad, three cruisers, and two torpedo-boats. Two of the cruisers will probably be of the successful *Gato* class, very slightly modified.

The battleship is to take the place of the obsolete *Friedrich der Grosse* and to be a sister of the ship now building at Wilhelmshaven. She is to be ready for the pennant in 1900.

**SHIPPING NEWS.**  
The *Ohnawa* *Mary*, the new cable ship which has just been constructed on the Clyde for the Japanese Government, is expected to be ready at the end of the month. She will then go round to London and take on board the portion of the Japan-Formosa cable which has been manufactured by the India Rubber, Gutta Percha, and Telegraph Company. The *Ohnawa* is expected to sail under command of Captain Allen about the middle of April.

A steel gun-armed screw steamer named *Chun Sang*, built by Sir Ralston Dimsie and Co., Cleland Dockyard, Middleburgh, for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company (Limited), of London, has proceeded to sea, under the command of Captain Evans, for her official trial trip. This vessel, which has been specially designed and equipped for the Company's trade in China, is 35 ft. by 40 ft. by 25 ft., and has a dead-weight carrying capacity of about 3,000 tons, with arrangements in 'tween-decks for carrying Chinese passengers. Engines for the triple-expansion type have been provided by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Company (Limited), Sunderland, and the boilers are fitted with forced draught on Howden's system.

The new steel steamship *Australian*, built by R. Napier and Sons (Limited), Glasgow, for the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, London, had a most successful trial of her machinery on the Firth of Clyde last week, her conditions of the contract were fully implemented, and the owners' representatives expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the ship and her speed, which was considerably in excess of the guarantee. This fine steamer has been specially designed for the Company's important service between Australia, China, and Japan, which recent events in the East are expected to develop, and is the outcome of much careful consideration for the comfort of the passengers. The dimensions are 140 feet by 42 feet by 25 feet, with a topgallant forecastle, long bridge and full poop, and a gross tonnage of about 2,550 tons.

**LATE TELEGRAMS.**  
(Via Rangoon.)  
LONDON, April 27th.  
The latest from Matabeleland states that Gilford's Horse yesterday engaged and drove back the Matabele. Fighting continues.

April 28th.  
Two whites and several friends were killed in yesterday's fight with the Matabele. Three fierce onslaughts were made by the Matabele, who were finally repulsed with a loss of one hundred killed and wounded.

The *Daily News* states that it has reason to believe that Indian troops are being held in readiness to sail for Suakin if necessary. It is stated that the War Office has acceded to General Kitchen's request for more officers. The Derwishes have appeared at Tamaobeh, near Suakin.

ROME, April 28th.  
The Italian loss at Kassala on the 3rd instant was ten officers and three hundred men. The Commander was confident of capturing the remainder of the Derwish position the next day, but was ordered to evacuate. The evacuation of Kassala appears to be uncertain; Colonel Stevani's column, which recently arrived there with supplies, was ordered to withdraw, but it is not known if the garrison accompanied it.

LONDON, April 28th.  
Mr. Cecil Rhodes is down with an attack of fever.

Mr. Leonard Courtney, addressing the elections of the House of Commons, said that the highest degree of intelligence and that Great Britain really desired the welfare of Egypt she would not waste her resources needlessly by providing a savage enemy.

April 28th.  
Mr. Curzon, replying to a question by Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, said the Government entered into no engagement with the Powers not to advance beyond Dongola.

The House of Commons has resumed its sittings after the Easter vacation.

The Hon. Gilford's party returned to Bulawayo yesterday. They were only engaged twenty miles northwards to the relief of the men killed two hundred and fifty Matabele.

The Derwishes at Tamaobeh retreated across the Atbara to Asobir, leaving their wounded and a number of mules laden with corn.

In conformity with General Kitchen's request sixteen more British officers start for Egypt immediately to be employed on the Dongola expedition. Telegrams from Masowah state that the King Menelik is negotiating with the Derwishes and sending gifts to them.

ROME, April 28th.  
King Humbert, attended by Signora Rudini and Sermonetti, will meet the Emperor and Empress of Germany to-morrow at Venice, where the German Ambassador has gone.

An official communiqué announces that Lord Dufferin has returned to Paris and negotiations regarding Egypt have been resumed.

LONDON, April 28th.  
Mr. Chamberlain, replying to Mr. Brough's question in the House of Commons, promised careful attention to the petition of the Indians of Natal regarding the deprivation of their right to purchase land.

Mr. Hanbury, replying to Mr. Allen and other members who complained that the Peninsula and Oriental Company employed Lascars to the exclusion of British sailors, said that no coolies were employed, and that it would be unjust to exclude Lascars, who were our fellow subjects, and that, moreover, India paid a large portion of the subsidy.

(From the "Times of Ceylon.")  
LONDON, April 28th.  
The latest telegrams received from Bulawayo show that the situation in Matabeleland has become serious. The whole Matabele nation has risen against the Government. Fifteen hundred men at least are required to quell the disturbance. The *Times* states that Sir Hercules Robinson is assuming grave responsibility in refusing reinforcements.

The ravages caused by rinderpest in Bechuanaland are increasing.

Confidentially has been received that two hundred and thirty men are with Mr. Rhodes, who is still at Fort Salisbury.

April 28th.  
A telegram from Fort Salisbury states that Mr. Rhodes has recovered from his late illness and proposes to start with the column to relieve Bulawayo.

News has been received from Matabeleland of the death of Captain Lumsden, of Gilford's party, who was wounded in one of the late engagements with the Matabele.

The death of Captain Lumsden, of Gilford's party, was announced by M. Ticompe, the Greek statesman.

#### THE LATEST FROM THE NORTH POLE.

At a sitting of the Russian Geographical Society in St. Petersburg on March 24th, Baron Toll, the celebrated Arctic explorer, read a letter he had received on the 15th from Professor Bragger, of Christiania, in which the latter, speaking of Dr. Nansen, says:—

"Knowing Nansen's character as I do, I do not entertain any doubt as to the truth of the telegram concerning him, and can fully account to myself for his present situation. I do not doubt but that he is at present on his return journey from the North Pole. On taking leave of me at Tromsø, Nansen said: 'I reckon on being back in two or three years.'"

"Now, whoever knows Nansen has implicit faith in him. The obstacles presented in the Polar Sea cannot exceed the difficulties afforded by the ice floes off the East coast of Greenland, and the ice presented by the ice fields of that continent."

"On this occasion, moreover, Nansen is fully twenty times better equipped than he was on his previous expedition, and his companions have been especially selected for the task."

"Personally, I have no doubt but that these thirteen men were able within two and a half years to work their way to the Pole, and I am firmly persuaded that they are on their way back. According to the telegram, Nansen discovered land at the Pole, and to me it is perfectly clear that he has not the return journey by way of the New Siberian Islands more suitable. Land in the neighborhood of the North Pole is no doubt covered, like Greenland, with a thick layer of permanent ice, in which case he would only be able to explore the region on snow shoes."

"Under these circumstances he probably found it preferable to return south to the New Siberian Islands than to advance towards the west and north-west. I believe so firmly in Dr. Nansen and his companions that I have no doubt that the explorer reached the North Pole according to programme. News telegraphed could not have come from Nansen personally, even if he had reached the New Siberian Islands, because he would have been in no hurry to give news before he was assured that his achievement was complete, the safe return of the *Fram* to Norway being of capital importance. Dr. Nansen hoped to preserve the *Fram* for future expeditions and that is why I do not expect further news of him until his return on board the *Fram*."

Baron Toll, after reading the letter, said:—We also believe in Dr. Nansen, and if he does not arrive at the period indicated by Professor Bragger there will be still time to send on an expedition to explore the New Siberian Islands and in each case, if possible, Sorokoff Land.—*Scotsman*.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

**RE "A HARD CASE."**  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."  
SIR.—Referring to a letter in your valuable journal of 22nd inst., headed "A Hard Case" and signed by Mr. T. E. Bullock, I beg to say a few words with reference to the seven officers transferred from the Home Service to Victoria Gaol.

These men have had from three to eleven years' prison experience, and are men that are recommended by the General Prison Board and Commissioners of the Home Service as being fitted for the situation which they now occupy, and who are endeavouring to give satisfaction to their superiors.

To judge from the letter of Mr. Bullock it can be clearly understood that it is only a petty jealousy between the seven officers (whom he calls useless) and himself, owing to the fact that they were endeavouring to uphold the authorities in charge.

I would also further add that it is both necessary and essential that Prison Officers should be men of unblemished character, and part of their duties are to endeavour to raise the minds and morals of criminals placed under their charge by example.

Hoping I am not trespassing on your valuable space too much,  
I remain,  
Yours very truly,  
JOHN O'NEILL.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1896.  
[We have much pleasure in putting in this letter, as all sides of every question should be fully represented or none at all. "One of the Seven" seems to take a very sensible view of the duties and responsibilities of his position. We hope all of them will act up to it.—Ed. H.K.T.]

**H.V.C. FIELD BATTERY.**  
The first of a series of six handicap competitions for a Winchester rifle, presented by Captain MacCallum, and subscription spoons, took place on Saturday, on the Police Range. Twenty-five members of the Battery completed, the highest scores being as under:—

First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.	Fifth.	Sixth.	Seventh.	Eighth.	Ninth.	Tenth.
Mr. McPhail (winner of spoons)	80	78	75	72	70	68	65	62	60
Mr. MacCallum (winner of spoons)	78	75	72	70	68	65	62	60	58
Mr. MacCallum	75	72	70	68	65	62	60	58	55
Mr. MacCallum	72	70	68	65	62	60	58	55	52
Mr. MacCallum	70	68	65	62	60	58	55	52	50
Mr. MacCallum	68	65	62	60	58	55	52	50	48
Mr. MacCallum	65	62	60	58	55	52	50	48	45
Mr. MacCallum	62	60	58	55	52	50	48	45	42
Mr. MacCallum	60	58	55	52	50	48	45	42	40

**LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**  
**SATURDAY'S TIES.**  
Double Handicap—Firth and F. Malland, owe 30, beat Tomes and Stewart, owe 11;—5, 6, 4, 6, 1. Ram and Potts, owe 15, beat Crick-shank and Gresson, scratch.—5, 6, 1.  
A "Class" Single Handicap—Atkinson, owe 15, beat Gresson, owe 15.—6, 2, 4, 1.  
Professional Handicap—C. Stewart, receive 15, beat Duns, owe 15.—6, 2, 4, 1.  
Professional Pair—Percival and Knox, Army, beat Paddy and Home, bankers.

**THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.**  
[Saturday, 25th April, 1896.]  
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.  
No. 146.—Notice to Mariners concerning piling operations on Panya Extension is published.

No. 147.—Calls a special session of the Justice of the Peace for May 9th, to consider an application for the transfer of the license of "The Rose, Shamrock and Thistle" Hotel.

No. 148.—Notifies that Price's Patent Candle Company, Limited, has registered its trade-marks in the Colony.

No. 149.—Contains alterations in the numbering of certain houses in the Colony.

No. 150.—Contains minutes of a meeting of the Sanitary Board held April 25th.

No. 151.—The finding of the Marine Court of Inquiry re the stranding of the steamer *Rae* is published.

No. 152.—Publishes rules made by the Acting Chief Justice under *The Sultors' Funds Ordinance, 1890*.

No. 153.—Contains particulars and conditions of Crown Land, on Kennedy Road, to be sold by auction May 11th.

The *General* also contains the usual list of undischarged telegrams lying in the Telegraph Office; the Post Office list of *petit remittants*; correspondence, and list of letters, etc., for mailment.

#### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

**MAILED DUE:**  
American (*Coptic*) 29th inst.  
English (*Mitsuboshi*) 1st prox.  
German (*Karlshafen*) 5th prox.  
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 12th prox.  
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 14th prox.  
Tacoma (*Strathmore*) 15th prox.  
American (*Guthrie*) 22nd prox.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Manila* left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. yesterday.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Coptic*, with mails, etc., left Nagasaki for this port yesterday at 5 p.m.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Guthrie*, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 25th inst.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Idzumi Maru*, from Japan, left Kobe via Moji yesterday for this port, and is expected here on the 29th inst.

THE steamship *Osborne*, from Japan, with cargo & steamship *Kirkhill*, left Kobe this morning for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 3rd prox.

THE Mutual Line steamship *Moyuna*, from Glasgow, Liverpool, and Newport, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning, and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Mitsuboshi*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 2 p.m. yesterday, and may be expected here at about 2 p.m. on the 1st prox.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, etc., which left Hongkong on April 1st for San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea and Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 24th inst.

THE Imperial German Mail steamer *Karlshafen*, enling the German mails with dates from Berlin to the 5th inst., left Colombo for this port on the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 6th prox.

**SHIPPING RETURNS.**  
From 5 p.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. to-day.

**ARRIVALS.**  
Aik ..... " ..... Holhow.  
Triumph ..... " ..... Holhow.  
Natal ..... " ..... Europe.  
Kiangnan ..... " ..... Chinkiang.  
Masulite ..... " ..... Koh-shi-chang.  
Chungking ..... " ..... Chetoo.  
Hohensollern ..... " ..... Canton.  
Hohow ..... " ..... Straits.  
Kishikong ..... " ..... Shanghai.  
Aval ..... " ..... Saigon.  
Wongbok ..... " ..... Bangkok.  
Syrathallan ..... " ..... Hongay.  
St. Louis ..... " ..... Saigon.  
Tener ..... " ..... Saigon.  
Kwangang ..... " ..... Canton.  
Wuhang ..... " ..... Swatow.  
Machup ..... " ..... Moji.  
Shulu ..... " ..... Canton.  
Hankow ..... " ..... Amoy.  
Manual Equine ..... ship ..... New York.  
Sutram ..... " ..... Newcastle.

Aggregating 34,865 tons register.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Donar ..... steamer, for Singapore.  
Gungarry ..... " ..... Shanghai.  
Martha ..... " ..... Amoy, etc.  
Fry ..... " ..... Pakhoi.  
Hollan ..... " ..... Swatow.  
Makilde ..... " ..... Holhow.  
Kwangang ..... " ..... Canton.  
Tatang ..... " ..... Canton.  
Natal ..... " ..... Europe.  
Tooman ..... " ..... Shanghai.

Aggregating 13,102 tons register.

The British steamship *Lightning* left Calcutta on the 9th instant, and Singapore on the 20th, and had fine weather.

The British steamship *Alfred* left Saigon on the 22nd instant, and had fresh north-easterly winds throughout the passage.

The Chinese steamship *Chingking* left Chetoo on the 20th instant, and had light south-east to north-east winds and fine clear weather throughout.

The British steamship *Tener* left Singapore on the 24th instant, and had fresh to strong north and north-easterly winds with dull and slightly hazy weather.

The British steamship *Masulite* left Koh-shi-chang on the 17th instant, and had southerly winds in the Gulf of Siam. In the China Sea had moderate north-east monsoon. From the Paracels to port had north-east sea.

The German steamship *Sachsen* left Shanghai on the 24th instant. On the 24th had calm weather. On the 25th had light southerly and north-easterly breeze, which became stronger on the 26th, with sometimes a little foggy weather.

The British steamship *Hallong* left Tamsui on the 25th instant, and had strong north-east breezes and clear weather to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 26th, and had strong easterly breeze and fine clear weather to port. In Amoy the steamships *Batla*, *Cosmopolis*, *Wanchow*, *Kwangang* and *Chang Hock Kien*.

The German steamship *Hohensollern* left Yokohama on the 18th instant at 11 a.m.; arrived at Kobe at 2 p.m.



## Intimations.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following is published.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1896.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

UNDER the Praya Reclamation Ordinance No. 16 of 1889, a DOUBLE ROW OF PILES will be driven into the Sea-bed for making the LINES of the RUBBLE STONE FOUNDATIONS of the SEA WALL and EMBANKMENT, from MORRISON STREET to the EASTERN END of WINGLOK STREET. The Work of driving the Piles commencing on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, Masters of Vessels, Launches, Junk, Cargo Boats, &c. are hereby warned that they must exercise caution in approaching within 50 yards of the said Work, and that they will be held RESPONSIBLE for any DAMAGE caused by them to such Piles or Work.

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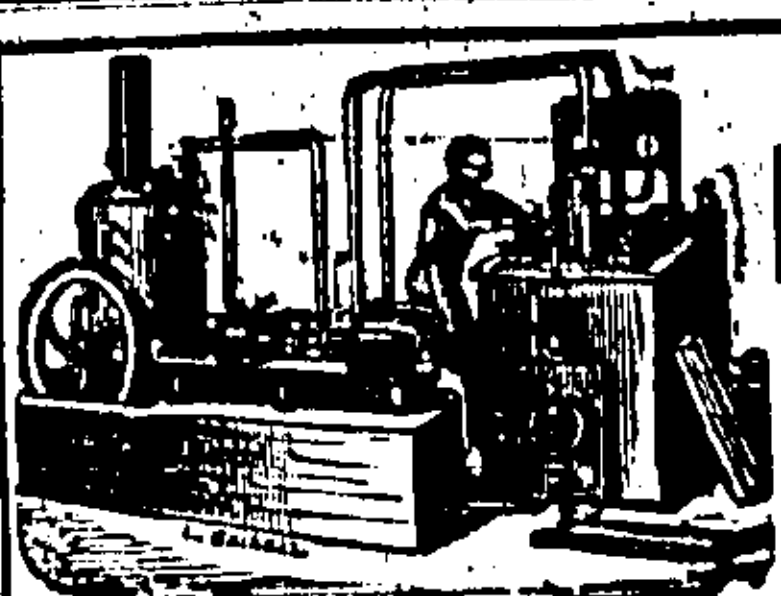
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ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 52, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'  
HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 1st  
May, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. Visiting  
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1896.

## Notice of Firms.

GEORGE FENWICK AND COMPANY,

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NOTICE is hereby given that during my  
Temporary Absence from the Colony,  
Mr. WILLIAM G. WINTERBURN has been  
appointed ACTING GENERAL MANAGER  
of the above FIRM.

By Order, GEO. FENWICK,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1896.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned beg to notify  
the Public that we have this Day  
PURCHASED from Messrs. WING CHEONG  
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AH YON,

Managing Partner.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1896.

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## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG

AND SOERABAYA.

THE Steamship

"WUHU,"

Captain Vaughan, will be despatched on

WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1896.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Steamship

"NANCHANG,"

Captain Flayson, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1896.

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR MARSHALLS AND LONDON,

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENSHIEL,"

Captain James, will be despatched as above on

or about FRIDAY, the 1st May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1896.

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"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"COWRIE,"

Captain Parson, will be despatched as above on

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

Captain R. Carr, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 12nd April, 1896.

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FOR SHANGHAI

THE Steamship

"PEIYANG,"

Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for the

above Port TO-MORROW, the 28th instant,

at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1896.

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"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"SIKH,"

Captain Rowley, will be despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1896.

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JAVA, CHINA JAPAN LINE OF

STEAMERS.

UNDER MANAGEMENT OF THE

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY

OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

(Subject to Alterations.)

JAVA, HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA, KOBE,

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JAVA.

FROM HONGKONG.

S.S. Cassius..... To JAVA..... 1 April.

S.S. Federation... To JAVA..... May.

S.S. Germania..... To JAVA..... June.

S.S. Friesland..... To JAPAN... 1 April.

S.S. Germania..... To JAPAN... May.

S.S. Cassius..... To JAPAN... June.

General Agents for China &amp; Japan,

LAUTS, WEGENER &amp; Co.,

Hongkong, 10th March, 1896.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MENELOUS,"

Captain Towell, will be despatched as above

on FRIDAY, the 1st May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1896.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PALAMED,"

Captain Williams, will be despatched as above

on SATURDAY, the 2nd May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1896.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"BRECONSHIRE,"

Captain Peebles, will be despatched as above on

or about MONDAY, the 4th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1896.

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SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 200 A. L. British Ship

"QUEEN ELIZABETH,"

Falcon Master, will leave here for the above Port

and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1896.

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FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 L.L. American Ship

"TAM-O-SHANTER,"

Falcon Master, will leave here for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch.

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CARLWITZ &amp; Co.,

Agents.

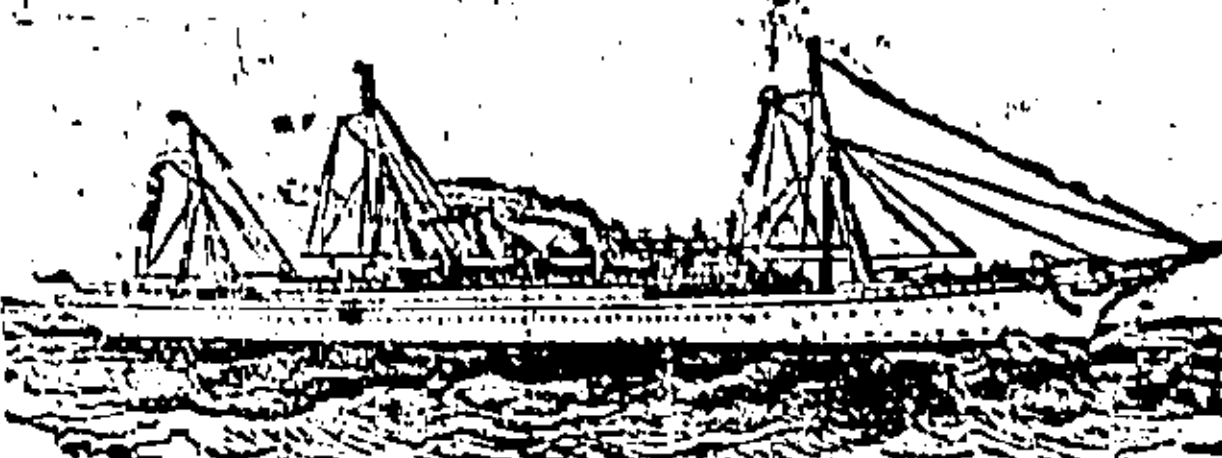
Hongkong, 16th March, 1896.

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## Mails.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea &amp; Yokohama)..... Sunday, 2nd May, at Daylight.

Galle (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea &amp; Yokohama)..... Thursday, 21st May, at Noon.

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